



#### **Littleton Museum**

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: 2024 Arts and Culture Grant Program**

### **What are the goals of the Arts & Culture grants?**

The vision for the Arts & Culture Grants is threefold: to build strong and dynamic arts and culture organizations in Littleton; to foster collaboration between organizations; and to cultivate community engagement. The ultimate goal is to be a thriving arts city, one that has vision for a vibrant, collaborative, and creative Littleton where arts and culture are defining features of the community's identity and unique character.

### **What are the preferred qualifications to apply for an Arts and Culture grant?**

Your organization should have 1) a minimum of 3 consecutive years in operation, 2) a minimum of 3 consecutive years of publicly accessible programming, and 3) a proven commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

### **Do I need to be a non-profit to apply?**

Preference will be given to organizations designated by the IRS as a non-profit, though you are not required to be a non-profit to apply.

### **Does my organization need to be headquartered in Littleton to be eligible?**

Preference will be given to organizations located within the Littleton city limits, though you are not required to have a Littleton address. Click here for a map showing the approximate boundaries of Littleton city limits: [www.littletonco.gov/Community/Map-Gallery/Littleton-City-Limits-and-Places](http://www.littletonco.gov/Community/Map-Gallery/Littleton-City-Limits-and-Places)

### **Does my organization need to provide programming in Littleton city limits?**

Yes. You must either currently provide programming within city limits, or plan to expand programming into Littleton using grant funds.

### **Is the Arts and Culture grant limited to arts and culture organizations?**

Yes, though we encourage you to think broadly! If your organizational mission aligns with the Arts & Culture Commission's goal of creating a thriving creative community, we encourage you to apply.

### **Who is on the Arts and Culture grant panel, and how does the panel come to their decision?**

The Littleton Arts & Culture Commission (A&CC) is charged by the Littleton City Council with administering and managing the distribution of funds. Ultimately, the A&CC will present recommendations for disbursement to Council with their final approval.

### **Is there a set minimum or maximum amount of money my organization can request?**

No, there is no minimum or maximum set for the first year of the Arts and Culture grant. The total amount available for grant distribution is estimated at approximately \$250,000 for 2024.

### **Are there any restrictions on what funds can be spent on?**

No, as long as the funds advance your organization's goals and support the Arts and Culture Grant's mission to promote the arts in Littleton. Funds could be spent on – but are not limited to – stabilization funding, collaborative programming, matching funds, capital improvement projects, or staffing.

### **What does a “proven commitment to DEI” mean?**

The City of Littleton and the A&CC celebrate Littleton's diversity, ensuring that Littleton is an inclusive place where all community members and visitors feel welcome, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or ability. Grant applicants are encouraged to include their own organization's DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) statement. Additional help drafting statements available upon request!

### **What is my organization required to do if awarded grant funding?**

Recipients are required to submit a final report on uses and impacts of the funding. Funds will be made available in January, and must be expended within the same calendar year unless preapproved by the A&CC.

### **When will I receive funding?**

The Arts and Culture grants are annual. For 2023 applications, funding will not be available until January 2024. Starting in 2024: the application window will open in February, the A&CC will review in May, present to Council in September, and approve in November.

### **When is the application window?**

Grant applications will open on Friday, May 5, 2023 and close on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 6pm.

### **Who should I contact with questions?**

Please email [artsgrants@littletongov.org](mailto:artsgrants@littletongov.org)

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